

REMARKS

Reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendment and the following remarks.

Claims 19-20 have been added. Claims 1-20 are currently pending.

Rejection of claims 1 and 9 under 35 U.S.C. 102(a) as being anticipated by the Zeichick article (“Content Security – Keep Your Users Safe...”

Independent claims 1 and 10 recite “refreshing the local configuration of the security software application from a *globally replicated public folder within the electronic messaging system...*” This feature is not shown in the Zeichick article. As pointed out by the Examiner (p. 3, Office Action), the Zeichick article does show that the Norton Antivirus Enterprise Solution includes a “LiveUpdate” feature, which downloads both new virus definitions and improved program files from the Internet; however, such downloads go into a *LiveUpdate server* (see p. 4 of the Zeichick article), which then makes the downloads available locally to the clients. Yet, there is no description of how such LiveUpdate server can make the downloads locally available to the clients. In contrast, the claimed invention provides a *globally replicated public folder* within the electronic messaging system for refreshing the local configuration of the security software application.

Because the Examiner has not established a *prima facie* case of anticipation under 35 USC 102 by showing that each and every claimed element is disclosed in the asserted prior art, it is respectfully submitted that claims 1-18 are allowable over the references of record.

Rejection of claims 2-18 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over the Zeichick article in view of various other references

As mentioned above, because the Zeichick article does not disclose the claimed invention in independent claims 1 and 10, dependent claims 2-18 are also allowable over the Zeichick article and the other references of record for the same reasons.

New claims 19-20

Claims 19-20 have been added to further distinguish the invention from the references of record. Similar to claims 1 and 10, claim 19 recites, “updating the local configuration from *a globally replicated public folder within the electronic messaging system.*” This feature is not shown in the Zeichick article. As pointed out by the Examiner (p. 3, Office Action), the Zeichick article does show that the Norton Antivirus Enterprise Solution includes a “LiveUpdate” feature, which downloads both new virus definitions and improved program files from the Internet; however, such downloads go into a LiveUpdate server (see p. 4 of the Zeichick article), which then makes the downloads available locally to the clients. Yet, there is no description of how such LiveUpdate server can make the downloads locally available to the clients. In contrast, the claimed invention provides a *globally replicated public folder* within the electronic messaging system for updating the local configuration of the security software application.

Furthermore, claim 19 recites,

“upon the determining that an attachment is included with the electronic message, determining whether a time period since a last update of the local configuration has passed beyond a predetermined threshold period.”

Support for this feature can be found in at least FIG. 3 and page 8 of the present disclosure. On the other hand, this feature is not shown in the Zeichick article. Indeed, as pointed out by the Examiner (p. 3, Office Action), the Zeichick article merely shows that downloads of both new virus definitions and improved program files are provided as update files based on a schedule, e.g., once per day, **regardless** of any detection of the receipt of an electronic message, determination of whether an attachment is included in the received electronic message, and **determination of whether a time period since a last update of the local configuration has passed beyond a predetermined threshold period** as claimed.

Conclusion

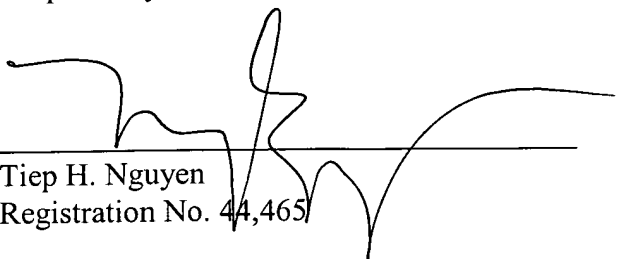
For at least all of the above reasons, it is respectfully submitted that the present invention is neither disclosed nor suggested by the references of record, and the claims now pending patentably distinguish the present invention from the references of record. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejections and an issuance of a Notice of Allowance are earnestly solicited upon the filing of a continuation.

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